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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
HASTINGS COLLEGE OF THE LAW

137th COMMENCEMENT

May 12, 2018

Bill Graham Civic Auditorium
San Francisco, California

PROGRAM

ENTRY OF CANDIDATES

Procession led by Associate Academic Dean Jeffrey A. Lefstin

Please stand during the entry of the candidates.

Student Marshalls: Bushra Khan – M.S.L.
 Ben O'Docherty – LL.M.
 Samuel M. Chang – J.D.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Justin C. Page
UC Hastings Alumnus, Class of 2016

OPENING OF CEREMONIES

Thomas Gede
Chair, UC Hastings Board of Directors

REMARKS FROM THE DEAN

David L. Faigman
Chancellor & Dean

REMARKS FROM THE CLASS OF 2018

Aviva Galpert, Valedictorian
Stephanie Charlotte Vertongen, Student Speaker

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

The Honorable Adam B. Schiff
Member of Congress

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRAL OF M.S.L., LL.M. AND J.D. DEGREES

Dr. Arthur Ellis, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies,
University of California Office of the President; Chancellor & Dean David L.
Faigman; Academic Dean Morris Ratner; Professor of Law Radhika Rao and
Global Programs Advisor and Lecturer Jessica Vapnek

FAREWELL REMARKS

Mai Linh Spencer
Associate Clinical Professor of Law

CLOSING REMARKS

Chancellor & Dean David L. Faigman

Please remain seated until the graduates have exited the auditorium.

Greetings from Chancellor & Dean David L. Faigman

Congratulations! It is with great pleasure and a true honor to welcome you to the 137th commencement exercises of the University of California Hastings College of the Law.

When people achieve milestones in life as momentous as graduating law school, it is a commonplace truism that they did not get there on their own. It takes a community. In fact, it takes many communities. We come together today to celebrate all of these communities.

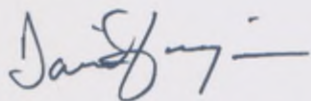
Foremost, we celebrate the graduates. Before ever entering the halls of UC Hastings, our graduates traveled multiple and diverse paths. These paths varied considerably, from working odd jobs in high school and college to support their education (and, sometimes, their families), to public service such as the Peace Corps or Teach for America. Together with their shared academic excellence, these rich experiences prepared our graduates well for the challenges and opportunities of law school.

We also celebrate the communities of families that supported today's graduates along the way, from their earliest formative years through the excitement and, occasionally, the angst, of the law school classroom. These families are as diverse as the individuals that they supported, and include various combinations of parents, spouses, siblings, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and often just those who came together in friendship and love. Whatever the diversity of their constitutions, they all shared the commitment of support to our graduates.

UC Hastings is composed of many layers, all of which also support our mission as a law school. UC Hastings is our current students, a multitalented and extraordinary group of young people who have the potential to change the world. UC Hastings is the more than 20,000 living alumni in California and across the nation who are already changing the world. UC Hastings is our staff, whose commitment to excellence ensures the smooth operations of the school day in and day out. And UC Hastings is our faculty, whose teaching prepares the next generation of lawyers and whose scholarship brings the UC Hastings name to lawyers, judges, policy makers, and academics, both nationally and internationally.

We celebrate all of those who contributed to this momentous day, for the road of life is never traveled successfully alone, and however busy we get and however much we keep our heads down to attend to life's details, we should never forget to look up and thank those around us who have made the road so fulfilling to walk.

Best Wishes,



David L. Faigman
Chancellor & Dean

Congratulatory Note from the UC Hastings Alumni Association President

Congratulations from the UC Hastings Alumni Board of Governors! We represent one of the largest law school alumni communities in the United States, with over 20,000 alumni. On this special day you've earned the accolades that come with one of the most respected accomplishments one can achieve in our society. You did it through your own drive and determination. Take a moment to enjoy that.

This is the beginning of what can be a long and rewarding evolution. Years and decades will serve to enrich and deepen your experience and ability to guide your clients as trusted fiduciaries. Stay resilient in the face of challenges and brave in the face of injustices. Never more than now are you needed in the vanguard of legal, policy and business leadership in our society.

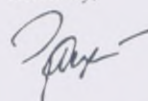
These are surely trying times in many respects, challenging us to seek counsel in the "better angels of our nature" even as darker energies stir sharp discord. When you navigate these challenges through attention to the rule of law you will have made the profession your own, and a more vital part of society at large. The simple but enduring model of the loyal advocate and principled counselor can exist in a world of minimum billable hours and grinding bureaucratic red tape, provided the rule of law is respected. Stay true to that.

The Board of Governors, through mentoring, alumni outreach, educational programs and community building stands ready to assist you. If you need assistance in the months and years to come, please let the Alumni Office know and we will try to help. Likewise, we welcome your input, energy and support to make UC Hastings what you want it to be. It is as diverse as you are, as innovative as you are, as socially responsible as you are and, ultimately, as hopeful as you are.

Diversity is the inevitable product of the fullest measure of our Constitutional civil rights and the deeper human rights they seek to advance and protect. We choose to make diversity a big part of the UC Hastings experience as well. As your alumni ambassadors we celebrate this diversity, seek to advance it and encourage you to help define it.

Commit to UC Hastings and create a life-long bond with the generations of UC Hastings lawyers whose careers started with the step you take today. Like yours, their careers made an impact on the history of California and the nation. We welcome you and look forward to your bright futures.

Sincerely,



Paul J. Laurin '88

President, UC Hastings Alumni Board of Governors



Adam B. Schiff
Member of Congress

Congressman Adam Schiff represents California's 28th Congressional District, and throughout his tenure in Congress, he has focused on growing the economy, bolstering national security, strengthening our communities, helping small businesses, and improving education, safety and health care for our children. In his 9th term in the House of Representatives, Schiff currently serves as the Ranking Member, or top Democrat, of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and as a Member of the Benghazi Select Committee. The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence oversees the nation's intelligence agencies including components of the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, Justice, State and Energy.

Prior to serving in the House of Representatives, Schiff completed a four-year term as State Senator for California's 21st State Senate District, chairing the Senate Judiciary Committee, the Senate Select Committee on Juvenile Justice and the Joint Committee on the Arts. During his time in Sacramento, he led legislative efforts to guarantee up-to-date textbooks in the classroom, overhaul child support, and pass a patient's bill of rights. Before serving in the Legislature, Schiff served with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles for six years, most notably prosecuting the first FBI agent ever to be indicted for espionage.

Rep. Schiff is a graduate of Stanford University and Harvard Law School.

We are honored that UC Hastings Alumnus, Joseph Cotchett, is the keynote speaker for our 2018 Commencement Ceremony.



Joseph W. Cotchett
Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, LLP

Joseph Cotchett is the senior partner at Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy and has dedicated much of his legal career to public justice with a prolific history of pro bono work. He is one of the most respected lawyers in the modern American legal landscape, but he maintains a humble approach to law that places the issues well above paychecks. Cotchett defends anyone he feels needs defense, regardless of their background. From towering corporate behemoths to small organizational outcasts, Cotchett has represented them all, and his dedication and unbiased approach to big-time trial work is an inspiration to the legal community.

For his undergraduate studies, Cotchett studied an unlikely major for a future famous trial lawyer: he received a B.S. in Engineering from San Luis Obispo. After graduating from Cal Poly in 1960, Cotchett changed the course of his career and studied law at the University of California Hastings College of the Law, earning his J.D. in 1964.

Cotchett joined the army before furthering his legal career, serving in the U.S. Army Intelligence Corps. Cotchett also became a Special Forces Paratrooper and JAG Corps Officer and retired from the active reserves in 1991; nevertheless, he still participates and supports the army. From 2001 to 2005, Cotchett served on the Army War College Foundation's Board of Directors, which directly supports collegiate army education and graduate studies.

Cotchett is considered one of the 100 most influential lawyers in America—undoubtedly one of the most prominent trial lawyers in California's history. Cotchett shares his knowledge with the national legal community by lecturing at some of the country's top law programs. Cotchett has lectured at Harvard Law School, University of Southern California, Georgetown Law Center, Stanford, UC Berkeley, and his alma mater, UC Hastings. Cotchett's favorite lecture topics focus on evidence, trial practice, and professional ethics; his lectures have helped countless young lawyers on the path to fulfilling legal careers.

Pro Bono Recognition

The California Bar and the American Bar Association encourage attorneys to devote at least 50 hours annually to the provision of *pro bono* (free) legal services. At UC Hastings, we believe the delivery of *pro bono* services is an integral part of legal education and the practice of law. Therefore, graduates engaged in *pro bono* are recognized with the following distinctions.

Pro Bono Society – J.D.

Graduate met the UC Hastings goal for the provision of pro bono legal services.

Maryam Ahmad	Griffin Estes	Ryan W. Porte
Alexandra Helena Andorfer	Lucille Renee Flinchbaugh	Eric Reading
Melissa Bejarano	Aviva Galpert	Francesca Mia Reifer
Amanda L. Bernetsky	Xochilt Gama	Nitin Sapra
Jack L. Budish	Anupa M. George	Kea Scullion
Katherine Burba	Raul Gonzalez	Aaron Sebban
Kelsey L. Campbell	Elizabeth P. Lincoln	Rebecca Shuman
Daria Anne Campion	Gaby Lion	Sid Singh
Cheryl Anne P. Carolino	Trang Thao Luong	John So
David Carrillo Casarrubias	Amy McKelvey	Zoey Melpomeni Surdis
Osric Homaine Jeffrey Chen	Nima Mehranfar	Andrea Swanson
Brian To Chung	Michelle Morales Barragan	Lucy Rose Taylor
George Croton	Matthew S. Olhausen	Laney Wall
M. Cristina Cruz	Leann Othman Sarsour	Claire Wilkens
John Jacob Darin	David Pasca	Grace Elizabeth Wright
Jessica S. Durney		

Outstanding Achievement in Pro Bono – J.D.

Graduate met the aspirational pro bono goal set for licensed attorneys.

Alexandra Helena Andorfer	Griffin Estes	Francesca Mia Reifer
Jack L. Budish	Aviva Galpert	Kea Scullion
Katherine Burba	Elizabeth P. Lincoln	Rebecca Shuman
Cheryl Anne P. Carolino	Gaby Lion	Sid Singh
David Carrillo Casarrubias	David Pasca	Lucy Rose Taylor
John Jacob Darin	Ryan W. Porte	

Pro Bono Society – LL.M.

Graduate met the UC Hastings goal for provision of pro bono legal services.

Minsoo Ahn
Rebecca Stapleton

LL.M. Outstanding Achievement

Graduate met the aspirational pro bono goal set for licensed attorneys.

Minsoo Ahn
Rebecca Stapleton

Tony Patiño Fellows-Elect and Joint Degree Candidates

Tony Patiño Fellows-Elect

The Tony Patiño Fellowship was created to support those individuals whose personal and academic histories show leadership, academic achievement, ethical and honorable conduct, good moral character, dedication to human values, participation in public service activities, well-adjusted personality and good judgment. The Fellowship provides educational and living expenses and is renewable for two subsequent consecutive academic years based upon the fellow-elect's personal and academic performance and his or her participation in the legal profession. Upon receiving the two renewals of fellowship, the final approval of the renewal committee, and a Juris Doctor degree, the fellow-elect is then known as a "Tony Patiño Fellow."

Kelsey L. Campbell

Samuel Francis

Daniel Homero Galindo

Joint Degree Candidates

The following students completed the requirements for the UC Hastings Joint Degree Program:

Samantha G. Acuña

J.D., M.Sc., London School of Economics

Amal Dahir Dalmar

J.D., LL.M., University of London SOAS

Ian Andrew Barber

J.D., LL.M., University of London SOAS

Justin Paul Campbell

J.D., LL.M., Université Panthéon-Assas Paris II

Janeene Desare Iles

J.D., LL.M., Université Panthéon-Assas Paris II

Johanna Landau Kanes

J.D., LL.M., Université Panthéon-Assas Paris II

Vince Moita

J.D., MBA, University of Wisconsin

Arash B. Razani

J.D., MBA, UC Davis

Candidates for the M.S.L. Degree – May 2018

In 2012, UC Hastings launched the Master of Studies in Law (M.S.L.), an advanced degree program aimed to equip experienced professionals from various arenas with a sophisticated understanding of the law. The M.S.L., originally aimed at health and science professionals with the support of the UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium on Law, Science, and Health Policy, has since expanded to include business and technology professionals, as well as those experts in their fields wishing to design their own program of legal study. Equipped with an education in an array of legal subjects, UC Hastings M.S.L. degree holders return to their fields able to "think like a lawyer."

Victoria Chiao

UC San Diego

Bushra Khan

University of Hertfordshire

Imperial College

Cranfield School of Management

Carnegie Mellon University

Zelu Wang

Chatham University

Candidates for the LL.M. Degree – May 2018

In 2002, UC Hastings began to offer an LL.M. degree in United States Legal Studies for students holding law degrees from foreign institutions. Over the years, the LL.M. program has attracted candidates as diverse in their international experience as countries they represent. LL.M. alumni represent UC Hastings in over 50 countries around the world as judges, lawyers and educators.

Minsoo Ahn

Ewha Woman's University
South Korea

Mohammed Abdulraheem Alzahrani

(IBT, STIP)
Umm Al-Qura University
Saudi Arabia

Jacob Birkeland Meyer Amundsen

University of Bergen
Norway

Huong Chu (HLP)

Dai hoc Luat Hanoi
Vietnam

Jiongpei Dong

Jilin University; Shanghai Jiatong Univ.
Koguan Law School
People's Republic of China

Johanne Foerde (DRLP)

University of Bergen
Norway

Magnus K. Hagem (STIP)

University of Bergen
Norway

Liya He

Tongji University; Shanghai Jiatong
Univ. Koguan Law School
People's Republic of China

Helen Hyojeong Kim

Hankuk University of Foreign Studies
South Korea

Anthony Leon (IBT)

Tours-Francois Rabelais Univ.;
Université Paris 2 Pantheon-Assas
France

Pooja Malik

University of Delhi
India

Ismael Hamza Najar (IBT)

Université Paris 2 Pantheon-Assas
France

José Pissini Neto (IBT)

Universidade para o Desenvolvimento
do Estado e da Região do Pantanal
Brazil

Ben O'Docherty

The University of Dundee
United Kingdom

Kanayo Okai

Osaka University School of Foreign
Studies; Doshisha Law School
Japan

Sara Saetre (IHR)

University of Bergen
Norway

Camille Savary

Université Paris 2 Pantheon-Assas;
Université Paris-Dauphine
France

Candidates for the LL.M. Degree – May 2018

Lisa Schnackenberg

Freie Universität Berlin
Germany

Rebecca Stapleton (DRLP)

National Univ. of Ireland Maynooth
Ireland

Benjamin Trouille (CL)

Université de Reims Champagne-
Ardenne; Université Paris 2
Pantheon-Assas
France

Camila Umana (IHR)

Universidad Icesi
Columbia

Candidate for the LL.M. Degree – December 2018

Sanchit Surendra Mehta (CL, STIP)

Government Law College
India

LL.M. Graduates – December 2017

Sona Khachatryan

Yerevan State University
Armenia

Agustina Lemmi (IBT)

Austral University, Buenos Aires
Argentina

Ellada Yuryeva

Moscow State O.E. Kutafin Academy of Law
Russia

Note: The letters which appear next to each graduate's name represent their area of specialization.

CL Criminal Law

DRLP Dispute Resolution & Legal Process

HLP Health Law and Policy

IBT International Business & Trade

IHR International Law & Human Rights

STIP Science, Tech. & Intellectual Property

Candidates for Juris Doctor Degree – May 2018

Gurgen "George" Abrahamants (T)
UC Berkeley

Negeen Abrishamcar
UC Berkeley

Michaela Acebedo (LH)
UC Berkeley

Allison S. Adey (I)
UC Santa Cruz

Maryam Ahmad, cum laude
CSU Sacramento

Michael Ross Amster
UC Santa Cruz

Alexandra Helena Andorfer,
cum laude
Lake Forest College

Sonja Arndt (C)
UC Santa Cruz

Kaleigh E. Aucoin (C), cum laude
Member, Honor Society
San Francisco State University

Margeaux R. Azar
UC Santa Barbara

Amardeep K. Bains (T)
UC San Diego

Bradley K. Baker
American Public Univ. System

Ian Andrew Barber (I)
McGill University, Canada

Nicolas Barnett, magna cum laude
Member, Honor Society
University of Texas, Austin

Melissa Bejarano
Amherst College

Holden Benon
Arizona State University

Amanda L. Bernetsky (SJ)
UC Santa Cruz

Faizaan Bholat, magna cum laude
Member, Honor Society
CSU Long Beach

Natalie Ann Bize (IP)
Cal Poly Pomona

Crystalann Bolam
UC Santa Barbara

Nicholas Brummel
University of the Pacific

Jack L. Budish (C), magna cum laude
Member, Honor Society
UC Los Angeles

Katherine Burba
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Austin Jacob Burke (C), cum laude
UC Santa Cruz

Justin Paul Campbell (I)
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Kelsey L. Campbell
Wayland Baptist University

Daria Anne Campion,
summa cum laude
Member, Honor Society
Georgetown University

Margaret T. Cardasis
UC Santa Barbara

Cheryl Anne P. Carolino (LH)
UC Los Angeles

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David Carrillo Casarrubias, cum laude
Member, Honor Society
College Ambassador
CSU Long Beach

Elizabeth Cermak (SJ)
Dominican College, San Rafael

Javier D. Cervantes
San Jose State University

Samuel M. Chang (LH)
College Ambassador
UC San Diego

Patrick Chao, cum laude
Member, Honor Society
UC San Diego

Osric Homaine Jeffrey Chen
Peking University, China

Yingtong Chen
UC Los Angeles

Christopher Choy
UC Berkeley

Brian To Chung
UC San Diego

Thomas Cooper (T), magna cum laude
Member, Honor Society
Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Kevin M. Courtney
UC San Diego

Azucena Alfaro Crespo, LfA
UC Riverside

George Croton
San Francisco State University

M. Cristina Cruz (SJ)
UC Los Angeles

David Cullison (C)
UC Berkeley

Philip G. Dabbagh (I)
Fordham University

John Jacob Darin, cum laude
University of Florida

Joseph Darwish
Loyola Marymount University

Jonathan Hillel Davidi, cum laude
Member, Honor Society
CSU San Diego

Eric De Luna
UC Berkeley

Lyle DeBell (IP), cum laude
University of Washington

Briana B. Desch
San Francisco State Univ.

Haley Brianne Devaney
UC San Diego

Joseph Dimont, magna cum laude
Member, Honor Society
University of East Anglia

Brian Dinh, cum laude
UC Santa Cruz

Logan Dodson
UC Santa Cruz

Joan E. Dorsey (IP)
UC Los Angeles

Sara Patricia Douglass
UC San Diego

Stephanie Marie Duck, cum laude
Santa Clara University

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Fiona Duffy (C) Columbia U Columbia Coll	Aviva Galpert, <i>summa cum laude</i> Member, Honor Society Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst
Amy Dunitz, <i>cum laude</i> University of Southern California	Xochilt Gama CSU Long Beach
Jessica S. Durney (I), <i>cum laude</i> College Ambassador UC Irvine	Alejandro Gastelum UC Santa Barbara
Noura Ann Elfarra Stanford University	Ashley Dorette Gendotti Univ. of Southern California
Echeme Emole San Jose State University	Anupa M. George (C), <i>magna cum laude</i> Member, Honor Society Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.
Jacob Erez SUNY Regents	Justin J. German Holy Family College
Griffin Estes, <i>cum laude</i> McGill Univ., Canada	Benjamin Thomas Gibbs, <i>cum laude</i> UC Berkeley
Terry M. Finck, <i>cum laude</i> Member, Honor Society UC Santa Cruz	Amanda Catherine Glenn (G), <i>cum laude</i> University of Denver
Ryan Joseph Fisher (SJ) New York Univ. Gallatin Division	Ryan Neil Garcia Gonzales University of Notre Dame
Lucille Renee Flinchbaugh (E) University of Colorado, Boulder	Benjamin Gonzalez, <i>cum laude</i> Member, Honor Society UC Davis
Samuel Francis CSU Hayward	Raul Gonzalez, <i>cum laude</i> Member, Honor Society Columbia U Columbia Coll
Mary Cherlaine Fuentes (C) UC Davis	Jeffrey Andrew Gourgon San Francisco State University
Jennifer W. Fung (T) University of Hawaii, Hilo	Sean Patrick Greene University of Scranton
Daniel Homero Galindo Trinity University, Texas	Jaclyn A. Gross, <i>cum laude</i> UC Santa Cruz
Gabriella Gallego, <i>cum laude</i> Member, Honor Society Loyola Marymount University	

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Samuel Gutin, <i>cum laude</i> Member, Honor Society University of Oregon	Andrea Lauren Isaacs Northeastern University
Celia Lilianne Guzman (SJ) CSU Long Beach	Mark Louis Javitch, <i>magna cum laude</i> Member, Honor Society University of Pennsylvania
Christa Hall UC Berkeley	Natasha Mishra Jha (SJ) UC Davis
Stanley Han UC Los Angeles	Andrew Crowel Johnson, <i>cum laude</i> Member, Honor Society Gonzaga University
Harmon Jacob Handloff San Francisco State University	Noor Kaur Kalkat (LH) George Washington University
Kelly Ayn Harradine CSU Long Beach	Jillian Victoria Kaltner, <i>magna cum laude</i> Member, Honor Society UC Santa Barbara
Kimberly Michelle Harvey UC Santa Barbara	Johanna Landau Kanes UC Davis
Philip He UC San Diego	Jonathan Bijan Kashani, <i>magna cum laude</i> Member, Honor Society University of Southern California
Neda Hefzi UC Los Angeles	Tiffany Michelle Kats University of Southern California
Kyle Hendricks (T) UC Santa Cruz	Paul Lawrence Kelley George Mason University
Mayra Hernandez de la Cruz San Francisco State University	Madison J. Kendrick, <i>cum laude</i> Member, Honor Society UC San Diego
Jacob Hirsch, <i>magna cum laude</i> Member, Honor Society Vanderbilt University	Josh Kew UC Berkeley
Ariel Ting-yun Huang (IP) University of Washington	Mitchell Khurin UC Berkeley
Michael William Huffstutler Univ. of Minnesota, Minneapolis	Joseph Kim University of Pennsylvania
Janeene Desare Iles (I), <i>cum laude</i> UC Berkeley	

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Spencer Ryan Kimbro (T) UC Santa Cruz	Lauren Renee Leibovitch, cum laude UC Los Angeles
Jonathan Edward Klaren University of Virginia	Marianne Julia Lewis University of Southern California
Johnny Kong UC Irvine	Jacqueline C. Lien UC Santa Barbara
Martha M. Kong UC Irvine	Walter Joseph Lin UC San Diego
Lindsay Meredith Kornegay, <i>magna cum laude</i> Member, Honor Society Gonzaga University	Yuping Lin UC San Diego
Daniel J. Krumbein (T) U. S. Naval Academy	Elizabeth P. Lincoln, cum laude Tufts University
Darius Ksenak (T) UC Berkeley	Gaby Lion, cum laude UC Davis
Brandon E. Kutzler Arizona State University	Yi Liu UC Berkeley
Adrienne Lakadat, magna cum laude Member, Honor Society Brown University	Freddy R. Lopez III Morehouse College
Srdjan Lakobrija UC Berkeley	Madeleine Claire Lough-Stevens (LH) UC Berkeley
Madeline Gene Landry Bates College	Ceciah Michelle Lucero UC Berkeley
Jennifer Leather, magna cum laude Member, Honor Society Stanford University	David Lum, LfA UC Irvine
Hilary Lee UC San Diego	Trang Thao Luong (I) UC San Diego
Sean Y. Lee, cum laude Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	Emily Frances Lynch, cum laude Boston College
	Jessica W. Ma UC Santa Barbara

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Michelangelo Macchiarella, cum laude UC Berkeley	Derek F. Monte University of Washington
Joseph G. Marano, magna cum laude Member, Honor Society Columbia U Columbia Coll	Michelle Morales Barragan (I) CSU Stanislaus
Katharine Rose McDonagh UC Santa Barbara	Scout Moran, cum laude Harvard University
Amy McKelvey (SJ) Chapman College	Felicita Moreno UC Los Angeles
Dylan John Mcmanus (T) UC Santa Cruz	Arya Moshiri UC San Diego
Elizabeth Jane Anabu Medrano UC Berkeley	Stephanie Michaela Munro, <i>magna cum laude</i> Member, Honor Society Pepperdine University, Malibu
Nima Mehranfar (IP) UC Davis	Cyrus Anthony Nazarian UC Berkeley
Sophia Mellein Arizona State University	Max Neiman San Francisco State University
Jamilah Mena Dartmouth College	Daniel Nettles (T), cum laude University of Oregon
Adriana Mendez Gonzaga University	Delaney Nevius, magna cum laude Member, Honor Society UC Santa Cruz
Soyeon C. Mesinas, cum laude Member, Honor Society Pepperdine University, Malibu	Kenny Nguyen (C) UC Los Angeles
Samuel A. Micon, magna cum laude Member, Honor Society UC Santa Barbara	Christopher O'Connell Appalachian State University
Ross Andrew Middlemiss (E), LfA, <i>cum laude</i> Sonoma State University	Mark Oda, cum laude Santa Clara University
Gabriela M. Miranda UC Riverside	Michaela C. Ogden, cum laude University of Washington

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Scott O'Halloran
UC Santa Barbara

Matthew S. Olhausen, *magna cum laude*
Member, Honor Society
College Ambassador
Gonzaga University

Jordan F. Olson, *cum laude*
UC Santa Barbara

Chanel Nicole Ortiz (SJ), *cum laude*
UC San Diego

Eyman Osman
UC Riverside

David Osorio
UC Los Angeles

Leean Othman Sarsour
Marquette University

Zena Ozeir (SJ)
Boston University

Andrew J. Palma, *magna cum laude*
Member, Honor Society
San Francisco State Univ.

Michelle Pang, *magna cum laude*
Member, Honor Society
University of Southern California

Do Hyun Park (C)
College Ambassador
UC Riverside

David Pasca
University of British Columbia

Alexander Antonio Peña
San Francisco State Univ.

Allyson Wengert Pierce,
magna cum laude
Member, Honor Society
Duke University

Savannah Pletcher (T)
Chapman College

Robin Pomeranke (SJ)
Pitzer College

Ryan W. Porte (L)
UC Santa Barbara

Ana Miruna Predescu (LH), *cum laude*
Santa Clara University

Nicholas J. Raimondo (T), *cum laude*
Hastings College

Andres Ramos
CSU Sacramento

Joshua Rapoport, *cum laude*
Member, Honor Society
Boston College

Nadine Ravani
University of Washington

Arash B. Razavi (G)
UC Santa Cruz

Eric Reading, *magna cum laude*
Member, Honor Society
UC Berkeley

Francesca Mia Reifer, *cum laude*
University of Washington

Matthew S. Reneris
Santa Clara University

Samantha Morgan Ricci (E)
UC San Diego

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Kayla Elizabeth Ann Richeson
UC Berkeley

Carson Charles Riley
UC Berkeley

Lucina Rios Garcia
UC Santa Cruz

Kristina D. Robertson
Arizona State University

Kaitlin Anne Robinson (IP),
magna cum laude
Member, Honor Society
UC San Diego

Luz M. Robles
UC Irvine

Sabrina A. Rodighiero, *cum laude*
UC Santa Cruz

Manny Rodrigues (C)
San Francisco State University

Cierra M. Rogstad
UC Santa Barbara

Rachael Rutkowski (G),
magna cum laude
Member, Honor Society
UC Santa Barbara

Neiloofar Sajedi (SJ)
UC Santa Cruz

Edwin Salgado
UC Riverside

Amanda Nicole Sanchez
CSU San Diego

Arnulfo Antonio Sanchez Vizcaño (T)
CSU Northridge

Danielle Catherine Santucci,
magna cum laude
Member, Honor Society
UC Santa Barbara

Nitin Sapra
UC Santa Cruz

Eric J. Schmoll
Purdue University, W. Lafayette

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In medieval cities, the everyday dress of many citizens was similar to that worn by the participants in this commencement ceremony. The costumes of the medieval guilds and early religious orders evolved into academic garb in the 12th and 13th centuries when universities were first taking form. Different degrees are symbolized by slight variances in the color and design of gowns and hoods. The three degrees being conferred today adhere to this academic tradition.

The original purpose of the gown was to provide warmth in unheated buildings. The design indicates the degree earned. The gown for the master's degrees (LL.M. and M.S.L.) is untrimmed and has an oblong sleeve. The gown for the doctoral degree (J.D.) is trimmed in velvet with three bars across the sleeves and facing down the front; it has a bell-shaped sleeve.

The hood traditionally served as a cover for the tonsured head and indicates the subject matter of the degree and the faculty from which it was awarded. It is placed on the graduate to recognize the academic accomplishment and to welcome the graduate into the society of professionals. At UC Hastings, hoods are lined with a blue chevron on a gold ground to represent the university colors. The color of the velvet edging on the hoods represents the subject in which the degree is earned: for law, the color is purple. The tassel is placed on the left side of the cap, which indicates an advanced degree.

The Mace

Traditionally at UC Hastings, the Associate Academic Dean carries the mace and leads the academic procession at commencement. Historically, the mace was seen as an image of warlike battle. Centuries ago, kings began to change this image by replacing spikes with precious gems and jewels to use the mace in ceremonies as a symbol of peace and leadership. Today, the mace is used in ceremonies as a symbol of authority.

UC Hastings proudly displays a mace which was donated by the Class of 2005. The mace was designed to reflect the history, goals and ideals of UC Hastings. The finial at the top points to the Way to the Future. The three rings, or beads, around the finial represent Mind, Reason, and Intellect. The large ball holds the medallion, a symbol of UC Hastings itself. The first bead under the medallion symbolizes UC Hastings as the oldest law school in California. The two beads below represent Morality and Professional Honor. The three beads around the top part of the shaft represent the Vision of the Founders, the Hopes of the Professors, and the Desires of the Students. The body of the mace represents that which is conveyed in the Present. The pointed tail of the mace represents that which was gained from the Past. The mace itself is made from California redwood.

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